

**ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION TITLE: LOW VISION SPECIALIST

POSITION LOCATION: Statewide

POSITION REPORTS TO: Director TAS

POSITION SUPERVISES: None

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's Degree in Education or Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired or related field.
- Certified, or certifiable by ADE, as a Teacher of the Visually Impaired, or certified or certifiable by AERBVI as an Orientation and Mobility Specialist or Rehabilitation Teacher.
- One year of experience working with individuals with visual impairment.
- Independent and reliable means of transportation.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- AERBVI certification as a Low Vision Therapist.
- One year of full time experience in low vision.
- Experience working with 0-22 population in educational settings.
- Experience working with individuals with multiple disabilities.

GENERAL DUTIES:

- Coordinates vision services for assigned caseload through team approach.
- Provides referrals and assists families in obtaining services for vision care (e.g. support groups, national organizations, Arizona Health Services, and private insurance carriers).
- Provides in-service training and consultation to assist educational staff in topics including educational low vision evaluations and functional vision assessments, environmental assessments, instruction in the use of optical and non-optical low vision devices used in a variety of settings, instruction for improving students use of visual skills, the implementation of low vision goals and objectives, and technology available for low vision students.
- Completes reports and documentation including compiling, reviewing and maintaining student records; summarizing vision information for students, parents, and educational staff; designing data collection systems to document student progress and maintaining student database; assisting in grant writing; writing reports and providing documentation as assigned.
- Attends Ophthalmological/Optometric appointments with students/Teachers.
- Provides direct services to students including educational low vision evaluations and functional vision assessments as assigned; instruction in the use of optical and non-optical low vision devices to meet tasks of daily living within appropriate environments (e.g. school, work, community, home/residence); instruction for improving visual skills; follow up.
- Educates students, his/her family members, teachers, and significant others as to eye condition, educational implications, adaptations, and accommodations.
- Performs such other tasks and assumes such other responsibilities as may from time to time be assigned by the Supervisor.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS/CONDITIONS:

- Travel is required.
- AERBVI certification as a Low Vision Therapist must be obtained within the time frame specified upon hire.